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12 August 1959

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Helms, Mr. Sheldon  
(part of meeting), Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Abbot  
Smith, [redacted]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Noted that Charles Coolidge had been designated as the chairman of the President's study committee on disarmament, and has asked that CIA detail one of its senior people who has knowledge in this field to the committee for a period of about six months. The Director said Coolidge had initially requested Bill Bundy but has been advised he could not be spared. Abbot Smith suggested that possibly [redacted] might fill the bill; however, ONE would seriously miss his services. The Director indicated that nevertheless we are somewhat bound to provide a qualified body and noted his intention of speaking to [redacted] [redacted] commented that

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Jerry Greene (a member of the committee) had also requested that [redacted] be assigned as Documents Control Officer. Mr.

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Sheldon noted he would prefer to reserve decision until after Mr. Amory returns since [redacted] is a member of the DD/I's immediate staff. Mr. Helms undertook to determine whether or not the DD/P might have a qualified officer in case [redacted] is not available.

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The Director also noted that the question had been raised as to whether Mr. Coolidge should be cleared for TALENT. General Cabell remarked that since this is purely a clandestine activity, it might be better if Coolidge is not made aware of TALENT activities. Note: No decision reached.

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b. Noted that he had, at the request of [redacted] (FBI liaison officer with CIA), talked to [redacted] this morning about the article in True magazine -- "Allen Dulles: America's Global Sherlock." (Note: [redacted] has prepared a memorandum for the record of this conversation.) The Director said [redacted] had particularly requested the true identity of the author and anything we might have on [redacted]

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noted he had advised [redacted] that he had not seen the article prior to its being published and he had never met the author and in fact knew nothing about him. [redacted]

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d. Noted that OCI had prepared an excellent "Portrait of Khrushchev" which at the present time is unclassified but marked "For Official Use Only." The Director said we have had several requests from newspaper people for such a study and after some discussion as to how this should be handled, it was agreed that (1) the paper in question would not be included in any CIA publication (2) it would be made available to newspapermen on request provided that (a) there would be no attribution to CIA, Washington sources, government sources, high-level sources, etc., (b) recipients would be advised that the paper was not an exclusive for them and may be given to other newspapermen, (c) the paper is not a handout and would only be furnished upon request, (d) each recipient would be asked not to mention to his contemporaries that CIA has such a paper.

e. Noted that Secretary of Agriculture Benson had requested a briefing from CIA prior to his departure on a trip abroad. The Secretary's office will furnish [redacted] a firm date. Action: Mr. Sheldon. Note: The Director commented that DD/P might consider advising several CIA Stations of the Secretary's trip.

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MR. HELMS:

Referred to Vice President Nixon's report of his conversation with Khrushchev in Moscow, and noted that the State Department cable

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containing this report had been made available to the Secretary of Defense who in turn had passed it on to General Erskine and Colonel Lansdale. Mr. Helms asked if authorization had been obtained from State to release this cable to the other members of USIB and for circulation within the Agency. The Director noted this problem had been discussed at yesterday's USIB meeting and Mr. Cumming had agreed to discuss the matter with the Acting Secretary of State.

Action: The Director asked Mr. Sheldon to follow up on this.

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Noted that at the last meeting of the President's Board of Consultants, Mr. Lovett had suggested that CIA prepare an Estimate on where the UN is going. He said specifically Mr. Lovett [redacted] concerned [redacted]

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[redacted] The Director commented that he considered this a matter of primary concern to the Department of State and asked [redacted] to prepare a memorandum for his signature to Mr. Cumming.

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